

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

1 Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm – Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

2 Reading Roman 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24



Fourth Sunday of Advent

In this wild, unpredictable ride that we call 'life', there is one thing we can always count on, one constant: Our Creator chooses to be with us throughout it all. No matter what unpredictable events take place in our lives, God's son, Jesus, promises to be there, guiding us and comforting us and challenging us, and helping us to take the next step in God's plan for us.

In Joseph's case, the way that God guided him was through an angel appearing to him in a dream. That may happen to you, but probably not. The good news is that God has many ways to appear to us, and to guide us on our life's journey. It might be a well-timed phone call or visit from a friend. It might be verse of a hymn that we had not noticed before. It might be in some completely unexpected and uprising way. But when we have the eyes of faith, and when we trust in God, he will always be there for us, leading us on the way.

We are reminded of this promise in a very powerful way at the very end of Matthew's Gospel. After Jesus has grown, and been baptised and proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven, and called his disciples, and been arrested and tortured and crucified, and raised from the dead, after all of this, Jesus gathered his disciples together one more time, to send them out to make disciples of all nations, and to baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. But before he sends them out, he reminds them of this same promise. The last words spoken by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel would echo the words spoken by the angel to Joseph before Jesus was even born. Words which are at the heart of the good news recorded in Gospel of Matthew. Jesus, our Emmanuel, who is our promise that God is with us, spoke these final words: 'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' God is with us, always.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak

Next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 26th of January 2026 at 6:30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be the following Monday 2nd February at 6:30p.m. in the church.

The Parish Advent Carol Service is today Sunday 21st of December at 5p.m. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday 5th January after the 9:15a.m. Mass.

As is the custom your Christmas offerings will be your gift to the priests of the parish.

The 4th Sunday of Advent is a day of prayer for all expectant mothers. Blessings will be given at all Masses to mothers-to-be please make yourself known to the priest prior to the Mass.

Today we welcome Marco Gabriel Permangil into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family.

The cash machines at the back of the church may be used to donate to the parish.

Blessings to Sandra who marries Tijo in Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Kerala in early January.

URGENT APPEAL. We have been contacted by Refuge UK requesting clothing for:

2 girls winter coats 14-15 years

One girl winter coat 11-12 years

One boy's winter coat 8-9 years old

Any children's clothing from 4-14 years

Only good quality or nearly new

Please hand to Cliff after Sunday Masses. Do not leave in church porch

JAMAICA Hurricane Melissa appeal.

A fundraiser will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 3rd of January 2026 at 7p.m.

Please see poster in the church porch

“Watch The Surprise, a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Monday 22nd December 3pm online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers see; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk”

WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A PEACEFUL AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND MANY BLESSINGS FOR 2026 From Canon Niall and Fr. Shajin and Deacon Joseph

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	David John (Rest in Peace) (Len Finney)
Sun 21 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
08:30 am	Intentions of Norah, Trish and Maureen
10:00 am	Marie Therese Green and Family (Rest in Peace) (Doreen)
12noon	Geff's Intentions (Sylvia)
Mon 22 December	Weekday of Advent
09:15 am	Mary Ward (Rest in Peace) (Carol Halls)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Christopher)
Tue 23 December	Weekday of Advent
09:15am	Intentions (Christopher)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Christopher)
Wed 24 December	Weekday of Advent (Christmas Eve)
06:00pm**	Intentions (Christopher)
08:00pm**	Parishioners
Thu 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
08:30am	Thanksgiving (Christopher)
10:00 am	Private Intentions
12noon	Peace in the World
Fri 26 December	Saint Stephen
10:00 am**	Intentions (Marashi)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
Sat 27 December	The Holy Innocents
10:00 am	Betty and Ram (Rest in Peace) (Patrick)
06:00 pm	Intentions(Kujtim)
Sun 28 December	The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph
08:30 am	Parishioners
10:00 am	Serge Marie Laurent (Rest in Peace) (Hodge)
12noon	Intentions Clergy and Parishioners (Sylvia)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraig Maloney , Damon, Bridie Curley, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Fr. Jose, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire